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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the period specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), but before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by the fee as set forth in § 1.17(p) in the amount of \$180.00 and statement as specified under § 1.97(e). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a related foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to our Deposit Account No. 19-2167. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please also charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-2167.

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